



FREDERICA S. WILSON
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
24TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

March 24, 2026

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Zafar Center Reconstruction Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Jessie Trice Community Health System, Inc., located at 5607 NW 27th Avenue, Suite 1, Miami, FL 33142. The funding would be used for interior demolition and reconfiguration of clinical space; structural improvements; full build-out of expanded exam and specialty treatment areas; modernization of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems; installation of upgraded HVAC systems; fire protection and life safety improvements; ADA accessibility enhancements; and acquisition and installation of fixed clinical equipment and furnishings. Reconstruction of JTFZ will also entail updating patient flow design, expanding diagnostic and specialty service areas, and upgrading enabling spaces to improve operational efficiency. Capital investments include architectural and engineering design, permitting, construction management, and construction contingency to ensure project completion.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will strengthen capacity to deliver accessible primary care, behavioral health, and preventative services while helping reduce preventable emergency department visits and hospital utilization. JTCHS serving 39,838 patients annually, while an estimated 120,000 residents lack a healthcare provider. Investment in this project will strengthen essential healthcare infrastructure for communities served.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under the Public Health Service Act.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Frederica S. Wilson
Member of Congress